

**SPECIAL MEETINGS**

**CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 P.M.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of a Special Meeting called by the Mayor pursuant to Government Code Section 54956 for the following Closed Sessions:

- A. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Scoles pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, lease of property at 1870 Ralston Avenue with 1870 Art Center, for lease price, terms and conditions
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), Existing Litigation, Two Cases: Quesco Kitchen Warehouse Inc., dba Quesco Cabinets, and Twin Dragon Kung Fu Academy, Inc., v. City of Belmont and County of San Mateo, San Mateo County Superior Court No. CIV 503093; and G. Msalam and Julnar Msalam v. City of Belmont, San Mateo County Superior Court No. CIV 505235

Attended by: Councilmembers Feierbach, Wozniak, Warden, Lieberman, Braunstein, City Manager Scoles, City Attorney Rennie, Parks and Recreation Director Gervais (Item A only), Recreation Manager Brunson (Item A only), Finance Director Fil. City Clerk Cook was excused from attending.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time being 7:25 P.M.

**Terri Cook**  
**Belmont City Clerk**

This meeting was not tape recorded or videotaped

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CALL TO ORDER 7:40 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Feierbach, Lieberman, Wozniak, Braunstein, Warden

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff Present: City Manager Scoles, City Attorney Rennie, Police Chief Mattei, Community Development Director de Melo, Finance Director Fil, Public Works Director Oskoui, Human Resources Director Dino, Parks and Recreation Director Gervais, Information Services Director Harnish, Assistant Finance Director Lazzari, Deputy City Clerk Plut, City Treasurer Violet, City Clerk Cook

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by the Belmont Police Department Honor Guard

Singing of the National Anthem by Belmont resident Jerry D'Arcy

### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Rennie stated that direction was given on Closed Session Item A, and there was nothing to report regarding Item B.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Presentation of Beautiful Belmont Awards**

Mayor Feierbach stated that the purpose of the Beautiful Belmont Awards is to recognize commercial and residential properties that have made significant improvements to their properties. She announced that the commercial property award recipients included Sam Bhas from Hotel Belmont, and Najib and Maryedda Batshon from the building located at 1000 Sixth Avenue. She also announced that the recipients of the residential property awards were Charles Ming of 525 Kingston and Kathy Damico at 1000 Broadway.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Perry Kennan**, Belmont resident, expressed his continued desire for a more complete annual financial report for the City. He explained Sunshine review used in other jurisdictions, which assists city and county governments with transparency. He stated he has evaluated Belmont's website and noted that salary and benefits are not part of Belmont's financial report.

**Kathleen Beasley**, Belmont Library Manager, provided an update of library programs that will take place during the holidays and in January.

**Dolly Goyal**, Teen Services Librarian, described the partnership the Library has with the Parks and Recreation Department. She noted that participation in programs and activities has increased, and that she is now managing the VOICES teen leadership program.

**Jana Gibbs**, Notre Dame de Namur University student, thanked everyone for their contributions to the University's Christmas for the Troops program. She noted that 700 items were donated. She invited the community attend the upcoming A Christmas Carol performance.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Feierbach announced that the City Council would hold a special meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> to address the continued Public Hearing for the Alhambra Drive project, as well as the proposed rate increase for Recology solid waste services.

### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Councilmember Wozniak requested the postponement of Consent Item 4-D (Approval of Draft Response Letter Regarding High Speed Rail Business Plan) to the special meeting of December 19<sup>th</sup>.

She noted that the draft letter provided with tonight's packet was a placeholder, and she expressed her desire to submit a new letter for consideration.

Councilmember Braunstein noted that the proposed letter was narrow in scope.

### **ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval of** Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of November 9, 2011

**Motion to** Receive Monthly Financial Reports

**Acceptance of** Informational Report for the U.S. Highway 101 Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Project, City Contract Number 433

**Approval of** Resolution 10449 Approving Supplier Agreement with Corporate Cuisine for the Senior Nutrition Program

**Approval of** Resolution 10450 Declaring the Results of the Regular Municipal Election held on November 8, 2011

**Approval of** Resolution 10451 Approving the Establishment of a "No Parking" Zone on the East Side of Hallmark Drive at Ralston Avenue

**Approval of** Resolution 10452 Approving the Establishment of a 4-Way Stop at the Intersection of Notre Dame Avenue, Francis Avenue and Notre Dame Elementary School Driveway

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Wozniak, seconded by Councilmember Braunstein, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved, as amended (Draft High Speed Rail letter continued to December 19, 2011), by a show of hands.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Oath of Office for City Clerk Cook**

The Oath of Office was administered by Deputy City Clerk Plut.

City Clerk Cook thanked those who helped on her campaign, and thanked the voters for returning her to office for another four years.

#### **Oath of Office for City Treasurer Violet**

The Oath of Office was administered by Marie Violet.

City Treasurer Violet thanked the community for allowing him to serve a third term as Treasurer. He stated that he values the faith and trust of the community. He noted that the City has a dedicated and professional Finance Department. He thanked his family for their support.

#### **Oath of Office for Councilmember Braunstein**

The Oath of Office was administered by Patricia Braunstein.

Councilmember Braunstein congratulated Councilmember Wozniak on being re-elected, and acknowledged candidates Reed, Brownlee and McGuinness for running for office. He thanked the voters for supporting his candidacy for the second time, and noted that he received a wide range of support across the community. He explained that he does not take the trust for granted, and that he will try to live up to expectations. He thanked his family. He noted that the City of Belmont has an involved and knowledgeable citizenry.

Councilmember Braunstein outlined four areas that are of importance to him: economic development, public safety, infrastructure needs, and youth and community recreation. He expressed the importance of being vigilant with the City's finances. He also expressed a desire to improve technology and to improve face-to-face interactions with the community. He would like to continue to outreach to other cities, Notre Dame de Namur University, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District. He would like to see Davey Glen Park completed, and to continue to address high speed rail.

Councilmember Braunstein stated that the City Council needs to be more civil to each other and to other cities. He stated that he recognizes he has a calm demeanor and pledged to be more proactive. He noted that he will always seek the best policy. He thanked the City staff and expressed his appreciation for their sometimes thankless work.

#### **Oath of Office for Councilmember Wozniak**

The Oath of Office was administered by Rick Huff.

Councilmember Wozniak thanked all who helped with her campaign, and those who voted for her. She noted that Belmont is a politically active community. She stated that her goals for her next term include green initiatives, the San Juan Canyon property acquisition, improving inter-city transportation, including walking, biking, and cross-town busses, and continuing to address high speed rail. She expressed her desire to be productive.

### **COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

#### **Recognition of Outgoing Mayor Feierbach**

Councilmember Warden presented Mayor Feierbach with a plaque.

Councilmember Wozniak presented Mayor Feierbach with a plant.

City Manager Scoles presented a plant to Mayor Feierbach's husband, Gary, in recognition of the many hours away from home during her term as Mayor. He stated that he is proud of the Mayor's efforts as Mayor during the previous year, and presented her with a Book of Mayors.

### **Remarks by Outgoing Mayor Feierbach**

Mayor Feierbach thanked Mr. D'Arcy for singing the national anthem this evening. She introduced her family, and thanked staff for their efforts. She noted that there is always criticism for what was not done, and that it was her desire to highlight what was accomplished. She noted that Ralston Avenue was repaved, the Belmont Fire Department was newly re-formed, and the Bike Bridge was dedicated. She acknowledged the passage of a new tree ordinance and a new sign ordinance. She noted that the update of the General Plan has begun, including the Belmont Village Zoning. She stated that the budget was balanced with no layoffs, and that a new Public Works Director and a City Attorney were hired. She also acknowledged the near-completion of the Sixth and O'Neill Avenue project and the continued efforts on economic development. She welcomed new businesses to Belmont including Sun Edison and Volkswagen. She stated that Koret Field can now be used by youth. She noted the dedication of the Emmett House and Semeria Park, and stated that efforts are under way to turf the Sports Complex. She explained that wi-fi is now available in City Hall and the Senior Center.

Councilmember Wozniak stated that Mayor Feierbach accomplished much, and spent much time in outreach to the business community and residents. She stated that Mayor Feierbach always ran a good meeting.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that Mayor Feierbach is a premier advocate for citizens. He noted her outreach and efforts through the use of her own website and columns on Patch.

Councilmember Warden stated that he had approached Mayor Feierbach about serving another year as Mayor, but that she declined. He noted that she is always in front of an issue and communicates well. He stated that Mayor Feierbach always says how she feels about issues.

Councilmember Braunstein stated that he concurred with all of the previous comments. He noted that Mayor Feierbach works hard and takes the job seriously. He expressed his appreciation for her advocacy for others.

### **Selection of Mayor for 2011**

Mayor Feierbach called for nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Lieberman nominated Vice Mayor Warden to be Mayor.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Wozniak, seconded by Mayor Feierbach, Resolution 10453 Appointing Dave Warden as Mayor for 2012 was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

### **Selection of Vice Mayor for 2011**

Mayor Warden called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Braunstein nominated Councilmember Lieberman to be Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Feierbach nominated Councilmember Wozniak to be Vice Mayor.

Mayor Warden noted that the nominations would be voted on in the order received.

**ACTION:** By a show of hands, Councilmember Lieberman received two votes (Braunstein, Lieberman).

**ACTION:** On a motion by Councilmember Feierbach, seconded by Councilmember Wozniak, Resolution 10455 Appointing Christine Wozniak as Vice Mayor for 2012 was approved by a show of hands (3-2, Braunstein, Lieberman no).

Councilmember Lieberman expressed his appreciation for the nomination to be Vice Mayor. He noted that this was the second time he was nominated for Vice Mayor but was not appointed. He stated that if there was not a desire for him to serve as Vice Mayor, then Councilmember Braunstein should be next in line since he received the most votes in the recent election. He stated that this action does not set a good example for the future, and that the City Council should be united. He explained that he did not vote for Councilmember Wozniak for Vice Mayor as this was not a good action. He requested that if he is not doing a good job, he would like someone to say so.

Mayor Warden stated that Councilmember Lieberman's remarks do not create unity.

**Remarks by Incoming Mayor**

The Oath of Office for Mayor given by Lisa Warden.

Mayor Warden stated that the five goals he has for the coming year include finishing the General Plan Update, addressing the San Juan Canyon land acquisition, turfing the Sports Complex, finding ways to address infrastructure needs without incurring new debt, and finding ways to distribute information to citizens as well as making more documents available electronically.

Mayor Warden stated that he is a Belmont native, he loves the city, and he thanked his wife for her support.

**ADJOURNMENT to Reception at this time, being 8:45 P.M.**

**Terri Cook  
City Clerk**

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